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Pickering announces write-in campaign for city council

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

He couldn't stay away. Chuck Pickering, whose March 15, 1999, resignation from the Westland City Council opened the door for recalled Councilman David Cox, has returned to city politics.

The former Mayor and Councilman recently announced his write-in candidacy for the remaining three years of recalled Councilman David James's term.

He runs against appointed Councilman Jim Godbout and Dorothy Smith, a retired educator.

"I left the city council to focus more time on family, friends and to pursue new business opportunities and with the belief that the city would continue to move forward with a fresh focus on services and programs for our residents," he said. "To my dismay, quite the opposite has happened. The year 2000 became the ugliest year in Westland's government with the forced resignation of two council persons and with another two being recalled. Glenn Anderson also resigned after being elected State Representative, thus creating a fifth vacancy.

"Now, with three new council persons and with two experienced council persons as declared candidates for mayor, we will be lacking valuable experience and knowledge on the city council. I am sure this concerns you as much as it does me. That is why I have decided to be a write-in candidate."

He said that he would offer

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— Chuck Pickering

government experience and knowledge to help the newer council persons, and to bring stability and balance to the council.

"My immediate concerns are the new budget being presented to the city council by the mayor April 1 and the recent audit report," he said.

Auditor said that the city needed to solve some financial problems that were bleeding the city's general fund reserve.

Problems include the incinerator debt and funding employee pensions.

"With the potential slow down of our economy, current funding sources may be reduced causing he city to look for alternatives to providing necessary services," he said. "My reputation of being conservative in government spending and taxation will be a great benefit to our citizens.

I am looking forward to serving our city once again."

Pickering served the city from 1971 to 1999. A former director of the city's parks and recreation department, he served as mayor from 1981 to 1985. He sat on the council from 1987 to 1999.

This year, he missed being appointed to fill Anderson's council seat by one vote.

Wireless Internet coming to Westland



Lauren Cato displays a wireless Internet radio. Photo by Ivan Helfman

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

New technologies overtake the old.

Just as Wayne-Westland Community Schools spends millions of

dollars to wire classroom computers to the Internet, the city council is considering allowing a private company to unwire the city.

Metrocom, an Internet provide, asked the city to allow it to install radios for a wireless system on the city's streetlights.

With this service, you will be able to access the Internet anytime, anywhere at 128.8 kb per second.

— Lauren Cato

"With this service, you will be able to access the Internet anytime, anywhere at 128.8 kb per second," said Lauren Cato, Metrocom's attorney. "You can use it anywhere [in the service area], in the house, out of the house, or in a car at speeds up to 70 mph."

Metrocom's wireless service is up and running in 14 Michigan communities, with plans for 74 within 60 days, Cato said.

For this service, Metrocom plans to charge \$79 a month. Customers must also buy a modem, \$99 on sale as the company starts up in the city; \$200 in the future.

For allowing Metrocom to operate in the city's right-of-way, Metrocom has offered to pay the city 2.02 percent of its revenues for 24 years. Metrocom will pay the city \$2,000 to cover legal and engineering fees related to the contract.

Westland will receive 10 free subscriptions, but no free modems.

Metrocom also agreed to lease about 100 streetlight placements for \$60 each. But the city will not get rich from poll rentals because Detroit Edison owns 99 percent of the city's polls.

Unlike cell phone transmitters which require towers, Metrocom's radios will be "simple and unobtrusive," Cato said. "They're less obtrusive than cameras you see on polls. . . . They are never on towers."

But are they healthy? asked Councilman Richard LeBlanc, in light of concerns raised about cell phones.

"They are safe," answered Cato, who compared their low wattage transmissions to garage door openers.

Councilman Joe Eadeh wondered if the city would be liable for accidents caused by motorists who surfed on information highways while driving on asphalt ones.

"No," said City Attorney Anthony Plakas. "Driving using a laptop is gross negligence to me."

However, Plakas cautioned council members against passing an ordinance outlawing Net surfing while driving because the law might interfere with interstate commerce.

Since no council members opposed the concept, Plakas said that he would soon bring back a contract for council's approval.

\$900 ripped off credit card

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

A sneak thief cashed in on a 43-year-old Westland woman's credit card number.

She believes that the thief was an employee of a Westland electronics store where the woman recently made a credit card purchase.

On Jan. 13, she bought a cellular phone at the store, paying for it with her Discover Card.

On Saturday, a Discover Card security worker called her and told her that someone was trying to transfer \$900 from her Discover Card account to Western

Union.

The security worker wanted to know if she had authorized the charge.

After saying that she hadn't authorized the charge, she put a stop on the transfer.

However, the \$900 was transferred to Western Union on Jan. 14 anyway.

A man picked up the money in Toledo, Ohio, and remains at large.

She reported the fraud to Westland police Sunday.

She told police that she suspects the electronics store employee.

SERVICE NEWS

Marine Corps Pfc. William J. Lawrence, son of William J. Lawrence of 31150 Mackenzie Court, Westland, recently completed the Aviation Electronics Technician "O" Level course taught at the naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Florida.

During the 24-day course, Lawrence obtained the basic knowledge and skills needed to performed maintenance on US Navy and Marine Corps aircraft electronics systems.

Lawrence is a 1999 graduate of Winston Churchill High School.

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael H. Rowe, son of Denise M. Rowe of 3224 Melvin Street in Westland and of Wayne C. Rowe of Grover Beach, California, recently completed the Aviation Electronics Technician "O" Level course taught at the naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Florida.

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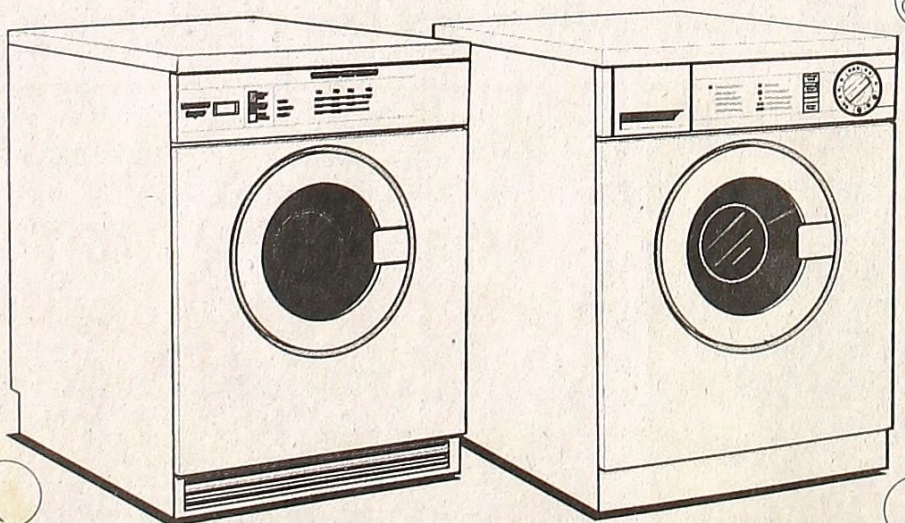
Rowe is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School.

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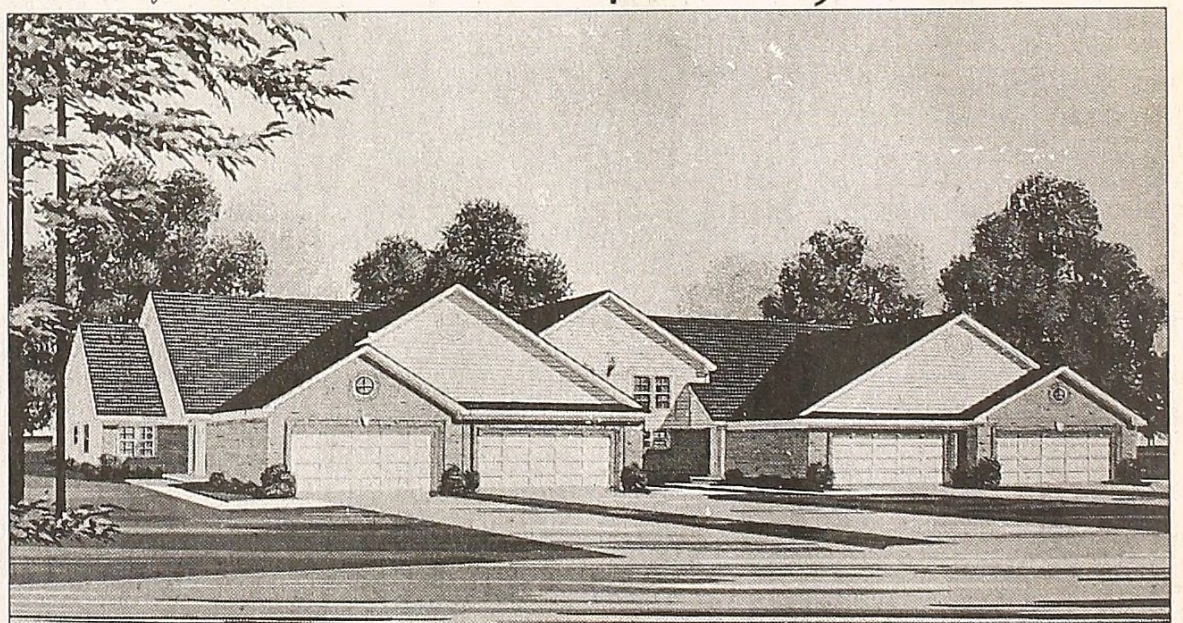
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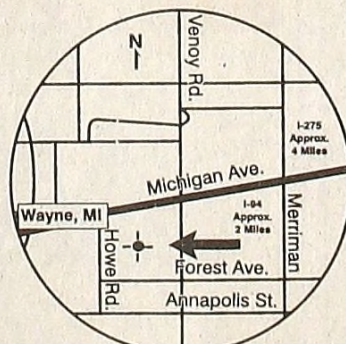
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Concert benefits seniors

It was sweet music to everyone's ears, especially for local seniors.

And the Senior Alliance is \$10,000 richer thanks to the generosity of Ameritech and several other corporations.

Western and Southern Wayne County senior citizens were treated to an evening of celebration, entertainment and camaraderie at the annual Senior Alliance 2000 Benefit Dinner Concert.

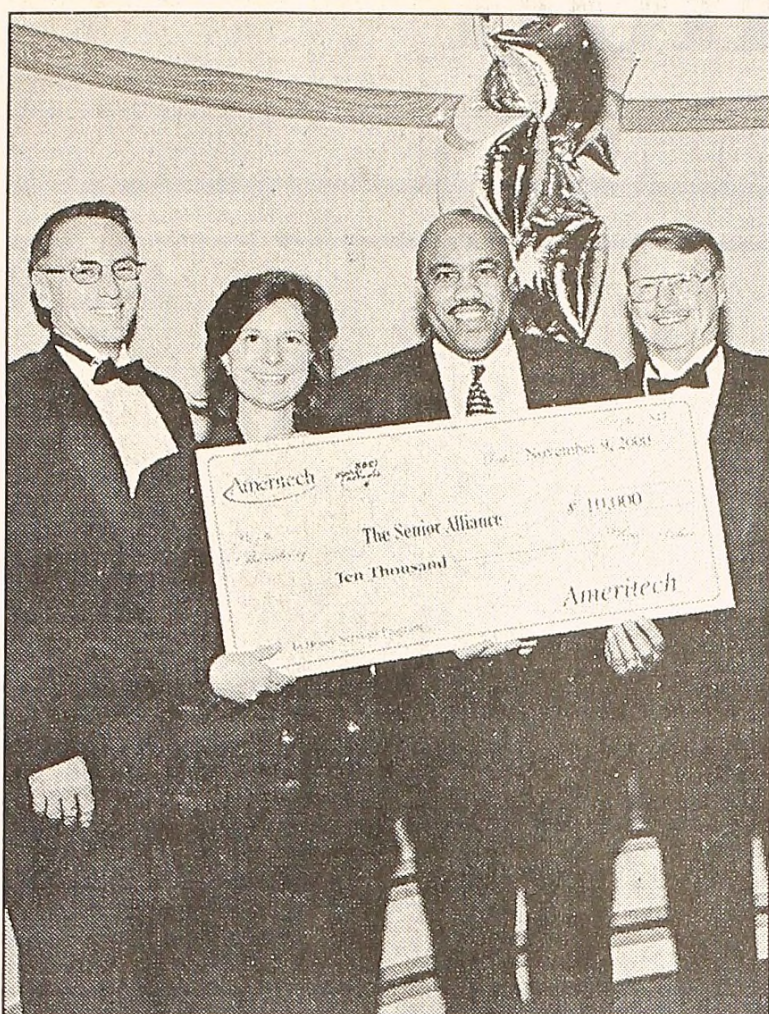
Wayne and Inkster seniors were well represented at the concert.

The benefit was staged to help the agency develop additional resources to help senior citizens maintain their independence.

Celebrating their 20th Anniversary, the Senior Alliance helps stage a wide array of programs for seniors as well as providing them with numerous services.

The Senior Alliance also is proud to serve as the single point of contact on senior issues in Southern and Western Wayne County, officials point out.

Ameritech served as the presenting sponsor at this year's gala festivities, giving a donation of \$10,000 to the Senior Alliance



Western and Southern Wayne County Senior Citizens received an after-holiday gift as Ameritech Corporation presented a \$10,000 check to help fund The Senior Alliance programs in local communities. Pictured above during the check presentation are The Senior Alliance representative Michael Simowski (from left), Renate Debler, and Robert Jones, of Ameritech and Gil Talbert, from the Senior Alliance.

group.

Other corporate sponsors this year included St. John's Health System, Henry Ford Health System and the Detroit Medical

Center.

Diane Palmer Marketing Solutions, a Southfield-based firm, served and the event coordinator this year.

Winterfest 2001 The weather outside is perfect

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Though sun-worshippers may disagree, but the weather outside is perfect, especially if you're planning Winterfest 2001.

And that's what the officials at the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department have been doing these days.

Tomorrow, Jan. 26 through Jan. 28, they will prove that winter can be fun.

Aside from the announced pro-

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Lots of events and activities planned this year

grams, Kimberly J. Fallow, parks and recreation director, informed city council last week there are a “lot of events and activities planned this year.”

Fallow pointed out few of the highlights, which include a Mid-

dle School Dance, Northpole Golf Classic, Saturday Morning Kids Party, a Civitan Casino Night, a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Program) hockey game as well as a Kiddie Karnival.

Most of the activities and programs will be staged at the Wayne Community Center, located at Howe and Annapolis Roads.

Residents who need further information may find it in a special brochure, which is sponsored by the Wayne Merchants Association.

At State Theater ‘Best of Broadway’ coming to Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The “Best of Broadway” is on its way to Wayne and the State Theater.

The popular hit will be presented by the Michigan Opera Theater at 8 p.m. on Feb. 17. Tick-

ets are now available at the Wayne Community Center and at the State IV Theater.

Theatergoers also will be treated to talented Mark Randizi's tribute to Frank Sinatra this spring. Randizi will be performing with the Johnny Trudell Orchestra on March 3. Curtain-time is sched-

uled for 8 p.m.

And to complete the spring concert season, “Three Men and a Tenor” will be in Wayne on April 21.

For information on these and any other upcoming event please call 721-7400.

Dance, ballerina, dance!

Dancing in the dark may be romantic, but it also can be a lot of fun and good exercise.

The city of Wayne's Senior Services announced this week that they are planning to hold the popular line dancing classes at the Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims Avenue.

There is a new instructor who can help you get in step and in shape, after all, dancing is an excellent form of exercising. There is a small charge of \$2 per class, and membership to the Senior

Center is not required.

Seniors may stop in any Friday, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Questions may be addressed to Nancy Wojewski-Noel, director of Service, by dialing 734-721-7460.

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Westwood to accept Schools of Choice applications

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westwood Community School District officials announced this week that they are accepting applications from students for the second semester of the 2000/2001 school year Schools of Choice program.

The program allows students from neighboring districts in Wayne County to apply for a limited number of spaces that will be made available in the school district.

Officials began accepting applications on Tuesday (Jan. 16) and will continue to do so until 3:30 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 1. Students -

or their parents - should submit the completed applications to the Equilla F. Bradford Administrative Center, 3335 South Beech Daly Road.

Applications also will be accepted by mail or they may be personally dropped off at the office.

Applications by mail must be received before the deadline of

Feb. 1.

The applicants accepted for enrollment will be notified by the school district on Friday, Feb. 2; Monday, Feb. 5, and Tues., Feb. 6 of enrollment procedures.

Students must be enrolled on or before Feb. 13.

Top Ladies of Inkster spread ‘spirit of holidays’

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Top Ladies of Michigan, Metro Chapter, were busy during the holiday season making visits and preparing Food Baskets.

Lady Betty Thomas, chairperson, Senior Citizens Committee, together with other Top Ladies visited the DMC Nursing Home, Dearborn Heights, to spend time with the residents.

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vided refreshments.

In addition, the Chapter donated and prepared four Christmas food baskets to families of the community. This year, the baskets were given to “Grandparents raising Grandchildren.” The baskets included everything for a turkey dinner as well as a number of basic household items.

Lady Betty Thomas and the Senior Citizen Committee

chaired the project for the Chapter. Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is a national humanitarian organization with five major thrusts: Service to youth (Top Teens); Service to adults (Senior Citizens); Enhance the Status of Women; To beautify the community; and to form partnerships with other community/civic organizations with similar goals.

Lady Janet M. Carter is the Chapter President.

The local chapter was organized in 1983 by the late Lady Lorraine J. Patterson.

New Era to host seminar

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The New Era Men's Club will host a seminar that will focus on personal finance.

Mike Mellon, President of the Inkster-based club, said that representatives from Old Kent Bank will be on hand to discuss finances and how to “keep ahead of the game in a world of financial uncertainties.”

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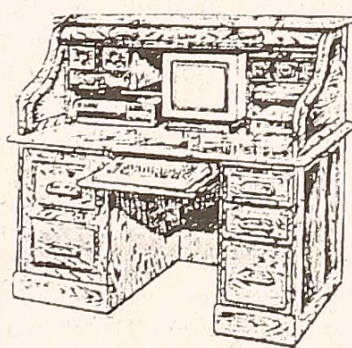
The seminar will be conducted from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Jan. 27 at the New Era Men's Club facility, located at 3508 Harrison Ave.

“We are inviting residents and friends to attend this very informative seminar, and learn how to get funding to buy or repair homes and how to budget your personal finances,” Mellon said.

The New Era president added that Old Kent, one of the most respected financial institutions in the state, will conduct the seminar. However, he also pointed out that those who plan to attend the seminar must pre-register.

Mellon may be reached at 734-595-4942.

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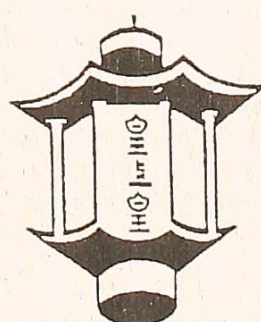
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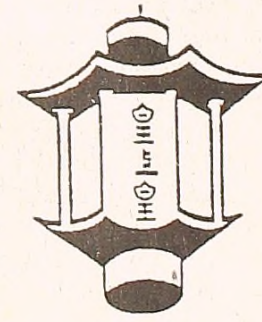
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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Crutches offer opportunity to see goodness in people

The road of life is full of twists and turns. One day you think you're walking down the yellow brick road to peace and prosperity. And then the next day the road is long and winding, leading to despair and heartache.

And then there are times when walking down any type of road is impossible. I'm experiencing one of those times right now, and believe me, you learn a lot about human nature when your foot is in a cast and crutches over crawling, is the preferred method of getting around.

I'm in a cast from my kneecap to my toes as a result of rupturing my Achilles in a basketball game. As a 40-something weekend warrior I should have known better than to go full out on the court. But being in the "zone" (couldn't miss a shot) we athletes always dream of I wanted to stretch my abilities to ...well ah, their breaking point.

And that I did. The worst injury an athlete can experience, the Achilles, broke on me. When a night's rest didn't make it any better, I painfully drove myself to the Oakwood Canton Center Emergency clinic and had it checked out.

It had been awhile since my last trip to an emergency room, and oh how times have changed. Waiting is apparently a pastime of the past, as I saw not one, but two doctors within 10 minutes of my arrival.

The doctors together, one male, one female, worked diligently to diagnose my problem and prepare a plaster cast to fit around my leg. As they worked we talked, we joked and they appeared genuinely concerned about my predicament. Again, previous trips to emergency rooms have never resulted in pleasant conversations with doctors. This was great!

My major challenge, however, was I was due to fly

to Orlando the next day. I was flying solo, because my wife was already in Florida awaiting my arrival. Thus with no traveling companion to help get me around, and with an unwavering stubbornness that precluded the use of a wheelchair or asking for any help, I was in for a real adventure.

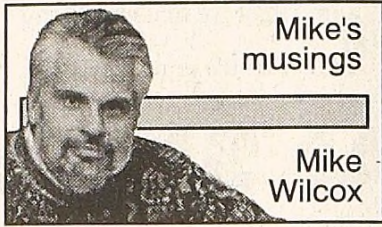
Before I left a colleague of mine, cautioned me that I will become an item of curiosity as people point at me, talk about me, and generally make me feel less than ordinary. He recalled a time he was in a wheelchair, and found being around people very discomforting.

I found the opposite. I believe most people to be innately good. They want to help others, and when they see someone struggling they offer assistance. I was assisted all journey long.

It began at Metro Airport when a security attendant saw me hobbling along and hailed a motorized cart to take me to my gate. It continued, when a female passenger offered to carry my extremely heavy carry-on to my seat at the rear of the airplane. It continued further when Northwest flight attendants saw to it that I was assisted all the way to my car once we arrived in Orlando.

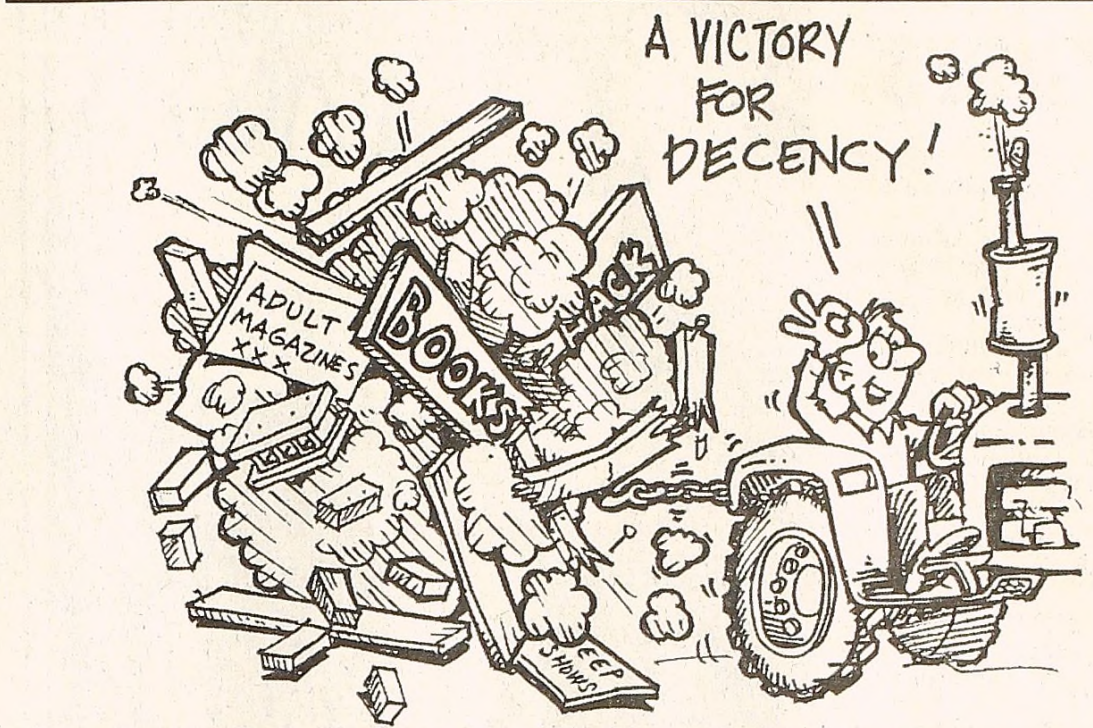
I suspect I'll be in this nasty cast for many weeks. The only walks I'll be taking are short ones that allow me to hop along on my crutches.

I can live with that knowing that if I stumble or even fall, there will be people there to pick me up, and get me started again.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Don't let tail wag dog in Wayne

The tail should not wag the dog.

But that is what will happen if Wayne tampers with the city manager form of government, which was created to stop the sale of mayoral favors and city services for campaign contributions in American cities.

Under the strong mayor form of government, American mayors perfected the for-sale governments by the Civil War.

The phrase "spoils system" was coined to describe the flagrant abuses inherent in big city mayors from Boss Tweed in Gilded Age New York to Coleman Young in declining Detroit to Bob Thomas in rebelling Westland.

The mayoral form of government was exposed by muckraker Lincoln Steffens in a 1906 book, *The Shame of the Cities*. Seven years later the strong council-city manager form of government was created in Dayton, Ohio, to separate politics from administration, and to make administration professional and accountable.

This is similar to the setup of the national government proposed in the US Constitution. Under the Constitution, the President was supposed to be an administrator hired by state legislatures to serve at their pleasure up to four years, but that's a story for another column.

Under the strong council-city manager form of government, politics remains in the hands of an elected legislature. The public elects a council, whose majority selects its leader like any functioning legislature, who chairs meetings. That's representative government 101.

The council does not run the administration, a professional city manager does. The city manager does not set policy, only administers it. But the council can fire the city manager on the spot for poor administration, making him totally accountable.

This is in contrast to an elected mayor, who like Bob Thomas can administrate the of flooding 400 basements with sewage and human excrement, yet as an elected official with a four-year term, not brings on subject to instant dismissal. No accountability there.

When a legislature doesn't elect its leader, then the rule of the majority is thwarted when a member of the minority becomes the council's chair. Then the legislature — the policy making body, the people's house — is no longer representative. It becomes gamesmanship.

What you then have is competing policy makers. The minority council leader begins to scheme with his or her constituency. The council majority develops its own constituency. The good of the community is put on hold.

Parliamentary procedure strategies take precedence over policy substance. The minority chair slights majority motions and agenda requests. The majority council begins to vote down proposals favored by the minority leader. That's what I mean by al-



Ivan Helfman

lowing the tail wag the dog.

That's why no national or state legislature allows a member of the minority to become leader of the assembly.

That's why few cities allow hybrid strong council-city manager forms of government. That's why no good city governments, such as Troy or Rochester, have even considered a hybrid form.

Unfortunately, a few cities have. A close example is Belleville, where a hybrid form of the government resulted in a series of recalls after the mayor started exploiting defects in this hybrid form.

The fact is that Wayne proponents of this bastard form have failed to examine why the best run cities in Southeastern Michigan stick to the pure form with good results.

This leads me to wonder what the proponents really want since the ones I have talked to refuse to take the trouble to go to Troy and Rochester and compare their economical and smooth operations with strong mayor Rochester Hills. Or to look at what happened in Belleville and other places where the bastard form has been tried and failed.

I have my theories.

Most obvious is that the proponents don't understand how a legislature works. A legislature is elected to set policy. From what I've read, the elected mayor proponents don't like the Wayne City Council's policies so they want to warp the form. Somebody should tell them that the solution is to try to elect council members committed to different policies.

Another criticism I hear from proponents is that too many members of Wayne's council majority are member of Ed McNamara's county machine. Irony, isn't it,

that, if this is true, elected mayor proponents don't understand that they are the victims of a political machine, the very thing that the elected mayoral proposal will probably cause to form in Wayne. It will be a lot easier and cheaper for the county machine to co-opt a minority mayor than four council members.

Another problem is that the Wayne calls its council president a mayor. Most people assume that the council president is a strong mayor like Marion Barry or Jerry Springer were. More citizens would understand what's at stake if the difference was explained to them.

But the thing that troubles me the most is the reason why many people, including those that think Wayne already has a strong appointed mayor, want to elect a mayor. They are motivated, I fear, by psychological needs. They want an authority figure. This was the fear of many of the Founding Fathers who, after studying the fall of ancient classical republics and the fall of the Italian trading republics, drafted a constitution that did not give people a chance to surrender their decisions to the one-man rule of an authority figure with a nifty title.

What's scary about this is that many people who want an authoritative mayor to substitute for the mother or that they never had. Or, if mob psychology kicks in and primitive instincts take over, will seek a tribal chief or high school football coach.

If emotional needs drive Wayne to switch to a bastard strong council-city manager form, it won't be long before the same crowd drives the city to switch to a strong mayor-spoils system form of government. That's why this proposal will lead Wayne atop a slippery slope from which it will probably fall.

On the other hand, I'm a newspaper man, one of the few people who will benefit from the whacky chaotic government that will inevitably result if Wayne voters opt for a bastard form of government on Feb. 6.

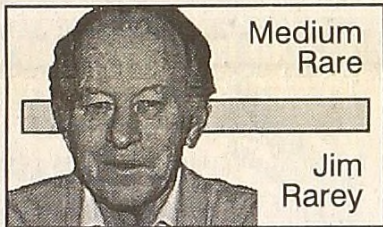
So you like rising property values?

January is the time of year when the mayors of cities large and small across the state deliver their "State of the City" messages. One of the common themes found in those messages is the "good" news of rising property values in their cities. But is that good news or bad? It all depends on your perspective.

It's good news if you are:

City government - Higher property values mean more tax money in the till for the politicians to spend. It can mean improved city services or more boondoggles. It can be put aside for a "rainy day" or wasted. One thing you can be sure of in most cities is that the extra money will be spent, one way or another.

What seems ages ago, the Headlee Amendment to the state constitution included a provision that would automatically reduce millage rates so that the amount of taxes collected on property would not increase although the taxable



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

value did. However, city governments were given the option of waiving that provision and accepting the extra tax revenue.

In Romulus, city government did lower the operating millage rate, but not enough to entirely offset the increase in assessed valuation. Most cities maintain their current millage rate.

Increased property values in cities also makes it easier for them to increase debt, e.g. float bond issues through TIFA's and other appointed boards bypassing the intent of the Headlee Amendment to have the people vote on all bond issues.

Higher property values also benefit private property owners

who intend to sell their property. That includes individual homeowners as well as the big developers.

The higher values also facilitate homeowners getting "home equity loans" for home improvements or to bail them out when they have maxed out all of their credit cards.

In fact, the only ones for whom higher property values are bad news are the owners who plan to keep their homes or businesses and do not want to go deeper in debt. For them, all it means is a higher tax bill each year.

In short, Richard Headlee's attempt to shield the prudent homeowner from higher taxes has been a failure. In most cities, politicians quietly waive the millage reduction provision and tax bills go up.

All of which proves that most politicians will gladly increase taxes, especially when they can claim they "held the line" on millage rates.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Amendment won't empower mayor

To the editor:

There is a letter being circulated to the voters in Wayne about the proposed charter amendment. The letter alludes to the fact that this is just a start of changes that will be proposed. At the last City Council meeting, Councilwoman McEachern asked John Zech a question: "Would this change the City Manager type of government?" John Zech replied, "NO."

You may be entertaining others questions: Does this mean that the Mayor will have more power? NO! Does this mean the Mayor will be paid more? NO! Will the Mayor be given a car in his new role? NO! Does this group plan further action regarding the way the City is being run? I can only respond, NO. However, this action does not open the door to further changes. That door has always been open and should remain open, in our democratic society.

I, personally, talked to over 100 people while getting signatures. I canvassed the streets of the City in different areas in order to obtain

an objective reaction to this amendment, unbiased by knowing me and how I felt about the change. Only three objected outright to the proposal. The others approved of the change, many overwhelmingly. The people of Wayne responded that they wanted to have a part in choosing how the mayor was selected. Some were surprised to find out that it wasn't already that way.

Under the change, the mayor will be held accountable to more than 3 people. To quote a Wayne Eagle editorial endorsing the proposed change, Publisher Mike Wilcox wrote that Dickerson was "going to political bed with your enemy." Mr. Wilcox was referring to the infamous letter that Dickerson wrote to Councilwoman Shirley Powser, in order to secure her vote for him as mayor. You will remember that they were arch enemies before the selection, arguing at almost every Council meeting. The Mayor had to acquiesce to Councilwoman Powser. He needed her all important fourth vote. Absolute power corrupts, absolutely.

As it stands now, the mayor is elected by his vote and 3 other willing parties. This forms what I call the "Good OLE Boy Network." They are only accountable to themselves. This is ruling the city's business and it's time to change it. Under the present rules, they can do anything they want as long as the 4 of them agree to it. The Mayor has a familiar saying he likes to use: "3 votes walk and 4 votes talk." He's right. So far they have talked to the tune of nearly 12.5 million dollars of our taxpayer money on Newberry Square and the temp and perm fire station. Much of it unnecessarily so on the temp.

Some of this is DDA funds, but it's still taxpayer money. I might add that most of it was spent at special sessions of the City Council, not at regular meetings. Why do you suppose that? I submit there is less exposure to the light.

To quote council woman Powser, "It's your money folks."

Cast your vote on Tuesday, February 6, 2001.

Sincerely,

Edward B. McMurray



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OBITUARIES

BEANUM, DOROTHY, 60 of Inkster, born in Asheville, NC, passed away December 4. She leaves behind her daughters Latanya and Kimberly; grandson Paul Elijah; family and friends. Services were held at Middlebelt Baptist Church. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home.

BONER, NANCY ETHEL, 87 of Clermont, Florida passed away December 19. Dear wife of the late Benjamin Boner. Loving mother of Barbara (James) Coleman, Benjamin Dale (Judy) Boner, Franklin Lee (Janet) Boner, Boyd (Kitty) Boner, Carol (Carl) Coleman, Linda (Bill) Parker, Randall (Betty) Boner, Beverly (Richard) Gill, Jerry (Cheryl) Boner, and Patsy (Dave) Hagerman. Dear sister of Dorothy Jones and Thelma Sutherland. Dear grandmother of 29 and great grandmother of 53. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Rowland. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

BROWN, GEORGE A., 82 of Westland, passed away December 29. Loving husband of Naomi Brown. Beloved father of Jean (Ken) Pinion and Barbara (Kevin) Mulcahy. Dear brother of Harry (Nancy) Brown. Loving grandfather of Bryan, Sarah, Casey, Trevor, and Jeremy. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Interment followed at parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

BROWN, PARTICIA GERTRUDE, 66 of Wayne passed away December 24. Dear wife of Lawrence Brown. Loving mother of Cynthia (Thomas) James, Laura (Timothy) Anderson,

Susan (Donald) Oelke, Michael (Linda) Brown, Jackson (Deborah) Brown, Florence (Keith) Champagne, Karen Brown, Beverly (Jeffery) Tubbs, and Barbara (Robert) Dupire. Dear sister of Anna Mae (Charles) Brown, Betty (George) Brown, Charles (Rhonda) Morrissey, Joan Longuski, and Richard (Cindy) Morrissey. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

BROWN, SARAH, 76 of Inkster, born in Bayview, Alabama, passed away December 8. She is survived by daughter Rosetta Johnson; grandchildren Michael, Joann, and Carmen; five great grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Detroit with interment following at Westlawn Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home.

CHLEBEK, BEVERLY J., 55 of Westland passed away January 3. Dear sister of Joseph Chlebek, Barbara Avigne, Beatrice (Allen) Hardt, and Stanley "Butch" (Betty) Chlebek. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Pleasant View Cemetery, Monroe.

COOK, SUSAN EILEEN, 48 of Westland, passed away December 23. Loving wife of Donald Cook. Beloved mother of Angela Marie Cook. Dear sister of Linda Clippert, Cindy Lucas, and Janice McClendon. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Interment followed at

Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

FAHNESTOCK, VERA E. 74 of Wayne, passed away December 1. Loving wife of the late James Fahnestock. Dear mother of Linda Pointek, Beloved grandmother of Anthony Mitchell and Andrea Baker; great grandmother of Victoria Baker and Allison Baker. Funeral services were held at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church with Rev. David Furno officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

FORRESTER, MIRIAM ELIZABETH, 77 of Westland, passed away December 22. Beloved mother of John (Shirley) Forrester. Dear sister of Carolyn Wood, Evelyn Bills, and the late Janet Chapman. Loving grandmother of Sean Forrester and Amanda Forrester. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home. Interment followed at Oakwood in Adrian.

FOSTER, MURIEL E., 84 of Lincoln Park (formerly of Inkster) passed away December 20. Dear mother of Barbara Smith of Belleville. Dear daughter of the late Henry and Violet (Gardner) Nordick. Loving sister of James Nordick of Warren, Bud Chambers of Thailand, Bessie Cameron of Leslie, Michigan, Verl Flaury of Port Huron, Marjorie Meyers of Sturgis, Michigan, and JoAnn Schoo of Holly Hills, Florida. She was employed at the Livonia School District as a teacher for many years. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. Kenneth Miller officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Karmans Cancer Institute (formerly Michigan Cancer Foundation).

FRASHER, FRANCES M., 79 of Belleville (formerly of Brooksville, Florida and Escanaba, Michigan), passed away December 28. Beloved wife of Ralph Frasher. Dear mother of Judith Travis of Tucson, AZ; Barbara Tritten of Ann Arbor; Susan Gabbert of Conchas of Dam, NM; Janet Frasher of Belleville, MI; and Fredrick Frasher of Sahavita, AZ. Dear brother of the late Frank and Ethel (Olson) Hruska. Dear sister of Robert (Patricia) Hruska of Lady Lake, Florida; sister-in-law of Irene Hruska of Springhill, Florida. She is also survived by five grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by sisters, Elizabeth Menary and Catherine Tufnell; by brothers William Hruska and John Hruska. She was a longtime member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Escanaba and was also a member of Our Lady of Fatima. Memorial services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. A committal service and interment will take place at a date to be determined in July in Escanaba. Arrangements made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

FURMAN, RICHARD WILSON, 73 of Westland passed away December 20. Dear husband of the late Grace Dahlstrom. Loving father of Guy Furman Sr. Dear brother of Wilbur Furman, Frank Furman, Barbara Furman, and Paul Furman. Beloved grandfather of Lorraine Len, Roger G. Furman Jr., and Glenn Furman. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

GEARIN, LINDA DORIS, 53 of Westland passed away January 1. Loving mother of Kevin Gearin and Kerry (Matthew) Gearin. Dear sister of Kathy Andreas, Susan Lankford, Charles Murtha Jr., and Amy Frysinger. Funeral services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church with rev. Robert Schultz officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia. Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home.

GOLDEN II, STEVEN GABRIEL of Wayne passed away December 24. Infant son of Steven and Donnell Golden I. Brother of Brittany Golden. Grandson of W. Michael Golden; Raymond and Elaine Waggoner. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

GREGGI, AUDREY W., 74 of Belleville passed away December 26. Beloved wife of the late Quirino Greggi. Dear mother of Regina (Stephen) McLaren of Belleville, Donald E. Greggi of Westland, Vicki (Bill) Partaka of Westland, Terry Greggi of Belleville, and Tanya Greggi of Belleville. Der daughter of the late Elzie Leroy and Delpha Victoria (Patterson) Keith. Dear sister of Donald Keith of Chippewa Lake, Michigan; Franklin "Jim" Keith of Belleville; Robert (Helen) Keith of Belleville; and Patricia (Jim) Garrett of Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Loving Grandmother of eight and Great Grandmother of two. She is preceded in



Among attendees at the recent Fianancial Aid Night where left to right, Mae Jackson, Jim Orme, Sr. High Counselors Comfort Burutolu, Andrea Deline, Class of 2001 parent Sherri Deline.

Zemoyan-Barnett engaged



Daniel and Deborah

Stephen and Margaret Zemoyan of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter; Deborah Kay, to Daniel Allan Barnett, formerly of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She

Bellringers collect \$7,500 in Belleville, Van Buren

Salvation Army bellringers report that they collected \$7,435.90 during their month long campaign in Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Township.

"Considering the we rang only 15 days at a maximum of four sites, I think this is a terrific benchmark to work from," explained Anita Picou, who took it upon herself to facilitate the fundraising effort.

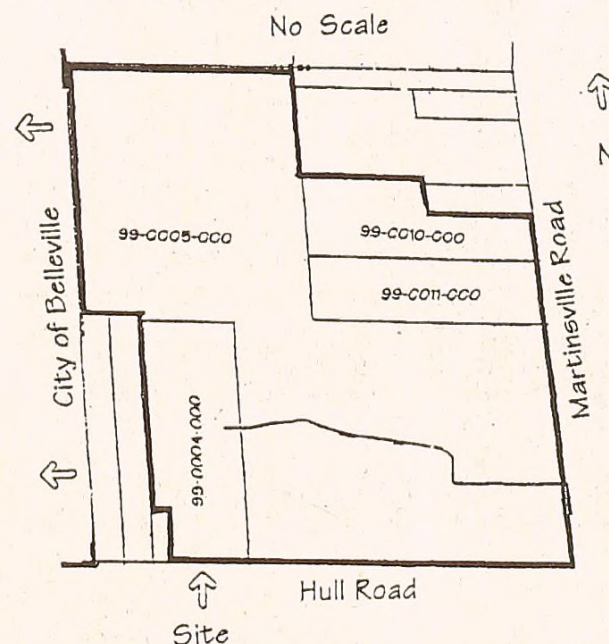
She had plenty of help, however. City Manager Steve Walters, Police Chief Paul Davis coordinated many of the tasks and several businesspeople volunteered to be bellringers.

Next holiday season, Picou expects the take to be even better. "It is our hope that we can create a program committee and get an early start," she stated. Volunteers can call Picou or Captain Hull at 453-5464.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111, on Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels V-125-83-108-99-0004-000, V 125-83-108-99-0005-000, V 125-83-108-99-0010-000, V 125-83-108-99-0011-000 from AG, Agricultural Estate, to R-1B, Single Family Residential. The property is located on the northwest corner of Martinsville and Hull Roads.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THE City Council met at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 3, 2001. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. ABSENT: Councilwoman Bostedor. CONSENT Calendar item approved: Minutes for 12/18/00 Council Meeting. MADE the following re-appointments: Mable L. Foster, Theola Jones, Booker Dozier, Dorothy M. Moore and Charles Coleman, Aging Commission; Charles Hooper, Philip Hendricks and Nedd Sanders, Board of Review; Margaret Goolsby, Library & Historical Commission. APPROVED payment of \$36,822.05 to Wade Trim and \$6,475.00 to Cross Connection; purchase of \$2,105.00 to Black Bear Systems. AUTHORIZED contract to Harrison Collision & Towing for \$3,460.25 to repair patrol car; City Manager to attend City Management Institute in Ypsilanti, Michigan. ESTABLISHED Regular Council and Orientation Meeting dates for the 2001 calendar year. MEETING adjourned at 8:15 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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CITY OF INKSTER INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Inkster will receive sealed bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan until 11:00 A.M. Tuesday February 6, 2001 at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read for the

DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY:

25949 Ross	3210 Ludington
4327-29 Yorkville	4361-67 Bridgeport
4186 Crystal	

Specifications and bid forms are available in the Purchasing Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Information regarding specifications should be directed to Mr. Daniel Vlachos, Building Inspector, at (313) 563-7716, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE CITY OF INKSTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, TO AWARD SPLIT BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES AND ACCEPT ANY BID IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, Michigan 48141

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CITY OF WAYNE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Wayne. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 3, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

The proposal is as follows:

PROPOSAL A

Language: For Charter Amendment to Elect the Mayor every two (2) years, beginning in the year 2001.

Shall Chapter Six (6) of the City Charter be amended to elect the Mayor every two (2) years and elect three (3) Council members every four (4) years beginning in the year 2001?

This Amendment shall be written in the Wayne City Charter as the Netter's Amendment.

Explanation

The Citizens of Wayne should have the same constitutional rights and privileges to elect and nominate their Mayor as does most cities in the United States. No sitting member of Council shall have to resign.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be an official public test of the Election Management and Tabulation computer system to be used by the City of Wayne for the Special Election, February 6, 2001. The test will be held in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS NO. 2001-03 JANUARY 16, 2001

Regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowolski, McEachern, Haidous, Powser, Lentine, Shackelford. Approved: minutes of Regular Meeting of January 2, 2001 and Special Meeting held January 9, 2001. Held Public Hearing and approved the use of the estimated allocation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding for 2001-2002. Held Public Hearing and first reading of the proposed rezoning regarding the property located at 35700 Michigan Avenue East, from Multiple Family Residential Low-Rise (R-4) to Business Intensive (B4). APPROVED: application for the transfer of the SDD-SDM stock interest at Mitch's Party Store, 37504 Michigan Avenue; application for the renewal of the license to operate eight (8) mechanical or electronic amusement devices at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Avenue; two (2) billiard tables at D.J.'s Lounge, 34830 Michigan Avenue West, two (2) billiard tables and six (6) mechanical or electronic amusement devices at the Fiddle Bar, 35676 Van Born Road; the placement of all candidates and ballot proposal wording without the additional explanations, in the city newsletter, beginning in 2001 and for all future elections; payment to Beckett and Raeder, Inc., for construction administrative services relating to Central Business District Parking Lot #1; payment to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), for 2001 membership dues; payment to Complete Construction Service for repairs regarding lead-based paint in the City-owned property located at 35045 Chestnut Street; Traffic Control Order No. 467, the placement of one (1) NO PARKING sign with the trailer, BEYOND THIS SIGN, on the west side of Second Street, south of the driveway at 3238 Second Street; Traffic Control Order No. 468, the placement of nine (9) NO PARKING signs with the trailer(s) 6:30 am-2:30 pm ON SCHOOL DAYS, on the west side of Fourth Street, between Glenwood and Ash Streets; agreement with Detroit Edison Company, for streetlights for Streetscape Phase III-South Wayne Road, from Sims Avenue to Glenwood Road; Contract of Lease between the City and it's Building Authority regarding the Interim Fire Station/DPW Facility; purchase of a laser speed detection instrument from Laser Technology for the Police Department; payment to Jack Demmer Ford, on an emergency basis, for repairs to Fire Department rescue vehicle #213; payment to Doheny Supplies, an an emergency basis, for repairs to the impact hammer in the Department of Public Works. Called a Special Meeting for February 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss assessments by neighborhood. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: January 25, 2001

Belleville cuts soaring Eagles down to size

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The answer to that long-awaited question on whether "Romulus is ready to play Belleville?" came Friday night before a huge basketball crowd gathered to view the classic shootout between the two Mega-Red Conference powers.

"No."

Not the team that Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice put on the

Front court regulars rip Romulus early

floor.

Belleville's frontcourt regulars rattled the Eagles and cut them down to size, 70-40, in a showdown for first place that wasn't. Belleville dominated the game from the opening tipoff to the final whistle.

The Tigers, behind the superb

play of Jerriel Burrus, Kris Miller, and Antoine Jordan jumped out to a 25-6 first-period lead and never looked back. It was that simple for Tiger coach Rod Fisher and his team.

A disappointed DelGiudice said afterwards that the Eagles got off to a terrible start and never re-

ally recovered.

"We can play better than that," said DelGiudice, whose team entered the week with a 3-2 conference but 4-5 overall record after a big victory over title contender, Ypsi. (See related story)

Jordan scored eight of his 13 points and Burrus had seven of

his total nine while Miller tossed in six of his 17 points in that lopsided, one-sided first quarter.

The Tigers, 5-0 in the division and tied with Willow Run for the lead, increased their advantage to 44-21 at half, then went on to outscore their hosts, 18-9, as Fisher substituted indiscriminately

down the stretch.

One bright spot for the Eagles was the return of Chris Talley. Talley has been nursing a football hurt and, in his second appearance he scored 13 points.

The Eagles were scheduled to resume divisional play Tuesday night at Willow Run. Then, Friday night they'll travel to Wayne Memorial to take on the Zebras, a team that beat them in the conference opener back on Dec. 15.

Romulus gets by Ypsi in OT

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With the return of senior forward Chris Talley back in the lineup, Romulus jolted title-hopeful Ypsilanti, 58-51, in overtime Tuesday night.

It was a victory that was intended to send a message that Romulus was ready to contend.

"I felt we played one of our better overall games of the season."

Guy DelGiudice

"I felt we played one of our better overall games of the season," stressed Romulus coach Guy DelGiudice. "We had a season low nine turnovers against them."

Tied at 47 at the end of regulation, the Eagles outscored their hosts 11-4 in the extra period to wrap up their third Mega Conference, Red Division game of the season. (After losing to Belleville on Friday, Romulus is 3-2 in their division).

It was close right down to the wire. Romulus led by one basket, 10-8, after the first period, and remained up 27-26 at the half. The Braves, thanks to cousins Cedric and Jason Bird, tied the game at 36 for three period while both teams scored 11 each in the final period to force the game into OT.

In the extra period, Dave Jarrett put the Eagles up for good with a tipin. Then, Anson Long canned two free throws, followed by Charles Searcy's pair of free throws, later answered by Cedric Bird's three on the Braves' next trip down.

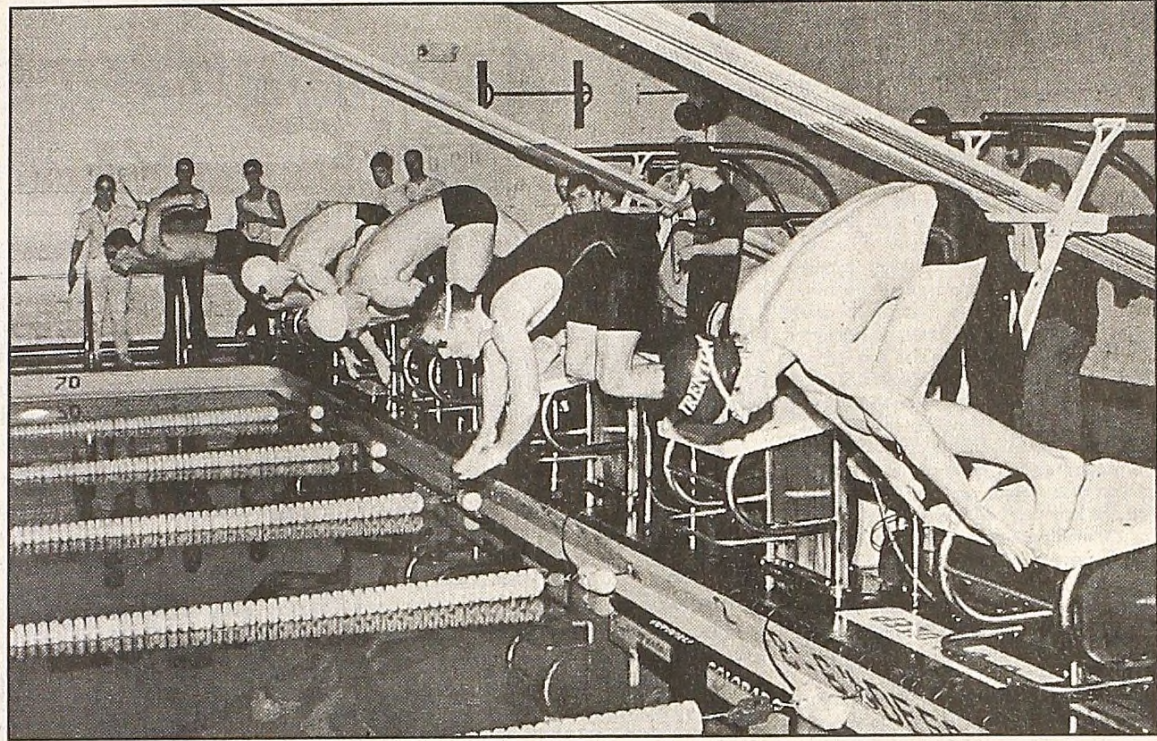
Ron Buckley's basket and Talley's free throw doomed Ypsi.

"It was a well played game by both sides," DelGiudice said. "It's unfortunate that someone had to lose."

Jarrett led the Eagles in scoring. He topped the field with 19. Teammate Mike Christopher added eight and Searcy scored nine for the Eagles who made nine of 15 at the free throw line.

Cedric Bird emerged as the Braves' top scorer. He tossed in 16, while his cousin, Jason, added 15. Ypsi also got double figures from Byron Patterson who scored 12 points.

The Braves went nine of 13 at the free throw line.



Soaring off the blocks, swimmers representing 10 local and area high schools competed in the 2001 Wayne Memorial Swimming & Diving Invitational. When all the strokes were counted, Dearborn Edsel Ford replaced six-time defending champ, Westland John Glenn, on the throne. In the photo at the right, Edsel Ford's Nick Martineau, a double event winner, gets set to go for his first gold. Photos by Carl Brown



Edsel Ford swimmers win Wayne Invitational

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

There is a new Wayne Invitational Swimming & Diving champion this week.

After ruling the waters at Wayne for six years, defending champ, Westland John Glenn, lost its bid for a seventh consecutive title as Dearborn Edsel Ford edged host, Wayne Memorial, by three points on Saturday to win the team championship.

Edsel's T-Birds garnered a team total of 249 points as compared to Wayne's 246.

Wyandotte finished third (229.5), followed by Glenn (166), Trenton (157), Garden City (89.5), Crestwood (70), Livonia Franklin (66), Annapolis (38) and Taylor Truman (25).

Wayne Memorial's veteran coach Mike Gruber said that the competition was among the best he had ever seen.

"It was an excellent meet, and the swimming was the best I've seen in these parts in a long while," Gruber stressed.

Although Edsel Ford was disqualified in the final event, the 400-meter freestyle relay, the T-Birds had amassed just enough points to hold off the charging Wayne swimmers, which finished second to Wyandotte in the event.

Wayne did not pick up a gold medal, but managed to finish second with Kyle Scott in the 200-freestyle and also had a silver with Greg Sarkozi in the 50-yard freestyle. Chris Webber also finished second in the 100-

meter backstroke.

Wayne was runnerup in the 200-medley, 200-freestyle and 400-freestyle relays.

Edsel Ford, which won the medley relay, also captured five individual gold medals: Nick Martineau, a double winner, led the pack to the wall in the 200-meter individual medley as he turned in a 2:11.18 for the victory. He picked up the gold for his 59.87 performance in the 100-yard butterfly.

Edsel finished 1-2 with Paul Nuznov and Chris Jacobs in the 500-meter freestyle. Nuznov posted a 5:29.82 in winning the event. Wayne's sophomore, Jeremy Bowling, was third in 5:48.37. Edsel came back to win the

See **SWIM**, page A-7

Glenn continues to struggle as North rolls, 67-56

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn continued to struggle last week as the Rockets dropped back-to-back decisions "that were not too pretty to watch."

In a game where there were a total of 59 free throws, Glenn came out on the short end of a 67-56 decision against North Farmington before the home crowd.

The loss left the Rockets winless in the Western Lakes Basketball Conference this season.

Earlier in the week, Howell grabbed a 12-6 lead in the first quarter, parlayed it into a 33-23 advantage at halftime before sending the Westlanders packing, 63-46, in an out-of-conference game.

It was Glenn's seventh loss in nine outings this season. The Rockets were scheduled to host Walled Lake Western Tuesday night before traveling to Plymouth-Salem where they will face a team that has a 1-8 overall record.

A close game for three quar-

ters, Glenn led 10-8 after the first period against visiting North and managed to cling to a 27-26 lead at halftime.

But North rallied and tied the game at 42-all after three as Mike Leach fired up his team with 14 second half points. North outscored their hosts 25-14 in the final period as the Rockets hit only two from the field - a three-pointer by Jeff Brantley and a layup by Brent Bogle during the final eight minutes of the game.

Bogle was the only Glenn player to score in double figures. He finished with a game-high 15 points.

Brantley wound up with nine, while Mike Goree and Darnell Dorris each had eight.

North actually won this game at the free throw line. With the help of Marcus McComb who canned 11 of 12 at the foul line, North wound up making 23 of 39 of its opportunities as compared to Glenn's 13 of 20.

Glenn fell behind 10-1 at Howell and never really recovered, although the Westlanders closed to within 10 (33-23) at halftime.

2nd-half mistakes costly to Vikings

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster's dwarf-sized basketball team continued to play like giants on the hardwood, unfortunately they wound up with Goliath-like results against a taller and more physical Highland Park Friday night.

"Four of our nine players are between 5 foot-3 to 5 foot 6 inches," said Inkster first-year coach Steve Brooks after Highland Park put the Vikings away 71-65 in a Mega-White Division basketball game on Inkster's homecourt.

"We don't have a player who is over 6-foot-2, so we give up a lot under the boards."

Highland Park wasted little time establishing its inside game against the smaller Inkster team. The Parkers exploded to a 25-8 first period lead before host Inkster came back on the strength of Darius Kincannon and Mike Hunter's shooting.

Kincannon fired in eight of his team high 15 points and Hunter scored five to slash the Parkers'

lead to five at halftime.

Inkster trailed 36-31 at the intermission, then came back in the third and committed costly turnovers which Highland Park capitalized on to build a 58-45 lead for three periods.

The Vikings managed to close within four midway in the fourth, but never saw the lead.

Inkster finished with three players in double figures. Along with Kincannon's 15, Hunter chipped in with 13 and Victor Morris added 12 to the Vikings' total.

Inkster picked up eight of 13 at the free throw line while the Parkers canned 13 of 20.

Inkster clashed with natural rival, Robichaud, Tuesday night in a divisional game.

The Bulldogs are also struggling this year.

On Friday, the Vikings begin the second round of White Division competition.

They will entertain Dearborn, one of the top teams in the White Division.

Brodie ends longest hoops losing streak

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It took Ryan Hayden's layup with six seconds left and sophomore Dave Hoskins' career high 25 points to end coach Bob Brodie's longest ever losing streak in his 17-year tenure as Plymouth-Salem's head basketball coach.

Salem edged Walled Lake Western, 57-55, in a Western Lakes Conference game, and the Rocks' victory crushed Brodie and Salem's losing streak at 7.

Rocks turn back Walled Lake Western

"We got one under our belts - that's the important thing," said Brodie afterwards. "We led most of the game, but they came back and went up by five in the closing minutes."

After Hoskins had tied the game up at 55, Western lost possession of the ball on a turnover and Brodie called time out with

six second left.

Although Hayden wasn't supposed to get the last shot, he found himself with the ball with six seconds left and drove past the Western defense for the layup that proved to be the game-winner.

Although in his 26th year in coaching, Brodie has spent the last 17 as Salem's head coach.

"It's tough when you lose, and, yes, I am very happy to get this one under our belts."

Hoskins, a 6-4 sophomore, had an exceptional game against Western as he drilled a career high 25 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds. He was the only player to score in double figures for the Rocks, who managed to capital-

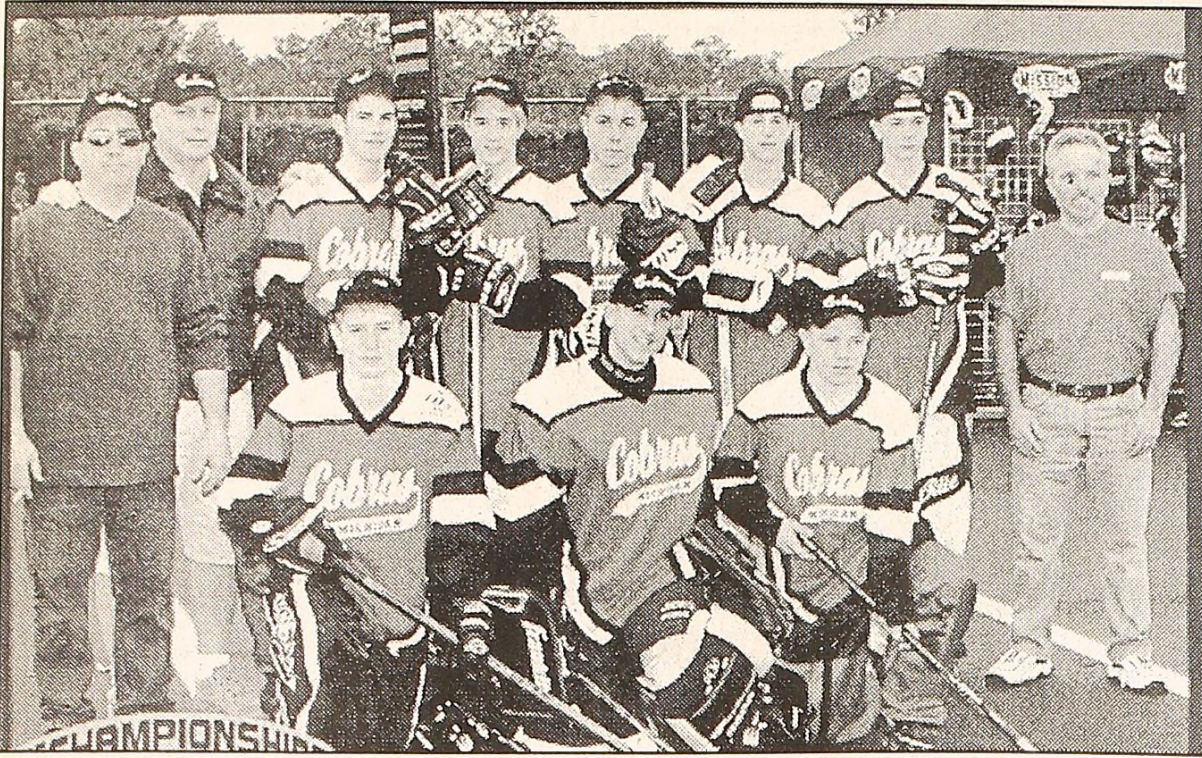
ized on nine of 16 free throws. Western sank seven of 12 and got 15 points from their top scorer, Chris Eagle.

Salem's dreams of extending its modest win streak to two games was cut short by undefeated Walled Lake Central, who made it nine straight at the expense of the Rocks, 60-50.

Behind balanced scoring, Central erupted to a 23-12 lead in the first period, then held on 32-23 at the half before outscoring their visitors 15-11 in the third period to take a 13-point advantage (47-34) lead into the last quarter.

Hoskins teamed up with Jeff Haar to provide the Rocks with more than half of their points. Haar led all scorers with 18, while Hoskins had 17 and also accounted for eight rebounds.

Central, connected on four "3's" in the first period.



The Michigan Cobras, champions of the NHL Breakout Tournament staged in Orlando, Florida, swept all five of their opponents to return to Michigan with the first-place trophy. Members of the team include Kyle Tollison (first row, from left), Chris Stammersky and Derek Banka; second row are Coach Mike Benton, Coach Chuck Loos, Justin Loos, John Schultz, Steve Meek, J. T. Rayburn, Mike Benton and coach Steve Meek.

World Champ Cobras win top prize at Orlando hockey games

The Michigan Cobras, made up of local and area junior hockey stars 14 and under, claimed the top prize in the world in their division. Skating in Orlando, Florida, last week, the Cobras skated past some of the best teams in the nation and Canada to capture the 2001 NHL Breakout World Championship.

"We are very proud of each and every member of this team, and those who supported us throughout the season," said coach Mike Benton. "The World Championship is something that will remain with us the rest of our lives."

Riding the crest of a defense that held its first three opponents scoreless, the Michigan Cobras won all five of their games. Only in the championship round did they face serious opposition.

The champs shut out the Huntsville's Coyotes, a team out of Alabama, 2-0 for openers, then clashed with Gretzky's Raiders which represented North Carolina.

North Carolina also was no match for the Michigan Cobras who crushed their opponents 4-0.

In Game 3, the Cobras ran up against the Wolves from New York. New York's defense couldn't match the Cobras' lightning speed. The New Yorkers fell 10-0.

In the semi-final round of the tournament, the Cobras got a look at their first opponents from Canada, Mission Mississauga. The Canadians also couldn't match Michigan's depth and overall talent, and fell, but not before scoring the first goal against the Cobras.

The Cobras surfaced with a 4-1 victory that qualified them for the championship.

In the title game, the Michigan Cobras found a very capable Team Scotto, out of New Jersey, to contend with. New Jersey, looking at first like a MongOOSE, the Cobras' worst natural enemy, leaped out in front by two goals.

Team Scotto scored two unanswered goals that shook up the Michigan team. But the Cobras managed to regain their poise. Michigan replied with back-to-back goals to tie up the score at 2.

Then, with time running out in

the third period, and suspense building, the Cobras made their final and most dramatic move.

With 30 seconds left on the clock, Cobra forward Steve Meek, who hails from Westland, cut through the defense, fired on goal, and the puck flew past the goalie for what was the decisive goal.

"We just kept playing hard and

kept working at putting the pucks in the net," Meek would later say in an interview with ESPN.

That interview, incidentally, will be on TV at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 4.

The Michigan Cobras were sponsored by Skateland West of Westland and Wayne Med Mart Party Store also of Westland.

Canton pins Churchill for 5th WLAA victory

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although the team didn't wrestle up to its potential according to the coach, Plymouth-Canton grapplers had enough in them to turn back Livonia Churchill, 45-19, in a Western Lakes Conference meet.

Canton Coach John Demisick was pleased with the victory, but not with the overall performance of his team.

"They (Churchill) looked good and should be a hard team to beat in a year or two," Demisick commented. "Though the meet was not really in question, we looked a little dull as a whole. We are a strong team and capable of more. Our guys were pleased, but they know this, also. We wrestled good, but not up to our potential."

Demisick singled out three of

the members of his team for their "stunning performances." The three included: Chris Hossey (135), Greg Musser (140), and Phil Rothwell (189).

Demisick said that "some don't realize Chris' potential. He's really an outstanding wrestler. Greg really got our team pumped up tonight. He's quite a team player and knows what Canton pride is all about."

Canton began the week with a perfect 5-0 WLAA record. The Chiefs are 12-3 overall on the season.

Churchill dominated the light weight classes as Andy Roberts (103) and Rob Schnettler (112) gave the Chiefs a quick 9-0 lead. But Canton came back with Kyle Pitt (119) and Doy Demisick (125) to make it a 9-6 meet. Then, Canton's Nick Smith (132) dropped a 12-0 decision which lifted Churchill to

a 13-6 lead before Chris Hossey (135), Greg Musser (140) and Mike Seigrist (145) posted three successive victories to give the Chiefs the lead for good.

When Joe Fargosi pinned Churchill's Robert Freeman in 5:23, the victory widened Canton's margin to nine-points, 24-13. But Shaheen Raije defeated Brian Jones in the 116-pound bout to give the Chargers their final six points.

Canton immediately pulled away from the 24-19 score as Churchill failed to put an opponent on the mat to oppose 171-pounder, Scott McKee, and Canton's Phil Rothwell took only 1:32 of the first period to pin his opponent, Alex Murray, in the 189-pound class. Ozzie Wagoner (215) and heavyweight Derek McWatt also chipped in with victories.

Junior hoops tourney dates set

North American Youth Sports officials announced today that they will stage their annual spring youth basketball tournament at Fenton High School on April 20-22, and are looking for teams to compete in the tournament.

The tournament will feature 10 different age brackets. They include 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th

grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11-12th grade girls.

All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$95 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games.

There will be awards in each of the 10 brackets.

Teams must submit an application of intent to participation on or before March 30, 2001.

For additional information or to obtain an entry for, please call Mark Garrigan at 1-800-787-3265, or tournament director Tim Hatch at 248-328-3242.

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100-yard backstroke thanks to Jon Cutting's 59.43 performance. Teammate Mike Mihalik won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:09.00.

Glenn received superlative efforts from their divers. Chris McFarland won the gold with a total

of 425.85 points, while Derek Bell was runner-up with 302 points.

Wyandotte broke into the winning column with Chauncey Brown, who carded a 1:57.38 in winning the 200-yard freestyle. The Bruins also won the 50-yard freestyle as Terry Jamieson beat Wayne's Sarkozi to the wire. Jamieson's winning time was 24.22. Sarkozi was awarded the sil-

ver for his 24.79 effort.

Brown became the meet's only other double winner as he churned a 51.88 to surface from the field of the 100-meter freestyle with the victory.

Wyandotte also came away with the gold medals for its performances in both the 200-meter freestyle relay and the 400-meter freestyle relays.

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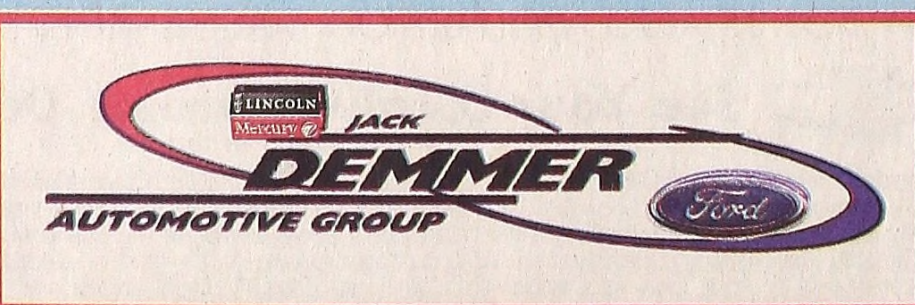
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